

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 3rd January 2016**

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## **Coolmine Rally February 2016**

The Coolmine Rally operated by the Phoenix Amateur Radio Club will take place at Coomine Communicaty School, Grove Road, Dublin 15, D15 FW97 on Sunday 14th February 2016. Doors open 10am.

Contact number for enquiries, tables etc Tony 087 2439997

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## **Limerick Radio Club**

The Limerick Radio Club 2 metre repeater is restored to service. Five club members; John EI6IW, Liam EI4GB. Liam EI7DSB, John EI5HDB and Simon EI7ALB braved the elements on New Year's eve to repair the broken 2m mast, replace the 2m antenna and re-cable same. Thanks to club members Mike EI2IX, Harry EI2KL, Alan EI8EM, Ronan EI5HRB and John EI1694 who provided test reports. The IRTS news will revert to the 2m repeater on Monday evenings at the usual time of 20:00. Further reports on the coverage will be greatly appreciated. Happy New Year to all and many QSOs in 2016 from LRC.

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## **SDR Net**

The SDR net on 40m is held for over an hour before the Sunday news. Stations are welcome to call in before 10.30 - 10.40 as this allows stations ample time to get involved in the Net. From around 10.45 onwards we start to wind down the net to make way for the IRTS News bulletin and it is not always possible to fully involve those that call-in just before the frequency is handed over. All stations are encouraged to get involved.

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## **DX News**

Josep EA3BT and Nuria EA3WL will be operating as 4S7JTG and 4S7NTG respectively from 3rd to 8th January. While in Sri Lanka they will attempt to also put Berberyn Island on the air. The IOTA reference for this one is AS-171. QSLs go via the home calls.

Brian GW4DVB will be on vacation in Antigua from 6th to 14th January. He will use the callsign V25GB on all bands 40 – 6m SSB only.

A group of 4 amateurs will operate as ZL9A from Antipodes Island from 7th to 11th January. This is a first activation of the island and the IOTA reference is OC-286.

A number of Ukrainian amateurs will be active from Ethiopia as ET7L around the middle of January. The same team operated from the ET3AA station in Addis Ababa last July/August.

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### **The 5 MHz Newsletter**

The latest edition of The 5 MHz Newsletter – a WRC15 Special - is now available for free pdf download from

[tinyurl.com/owttc4x](http://tinyurl.com/owttc4x)

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### **2m Nets**

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group have a 2m net on Tuesday nights after the IRTS weekly news. This is to promote the use of the band, which has seen a decline in use. The intended frequency used is 145.400MHz and net has had many stations calling in since its introduction. Everyone welcome to join in.

Fingal Radio Club and Dermot EI2HD continue their 2m call-in on Wednesday and every Wednesday at 7p.m. Please try and give your support by getting on the air. Keep 2metres alive. The frequency is 145.7625MHz, CTCSS 88.5KHz on the Dublin repeater

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group's Theory Course will start in mid-January 2016. Anyone interested should get in contact with Sean EI2HZB on 083-1379764 or email to proffice /at/ searg.ie

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's actives you can check our website [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie) and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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